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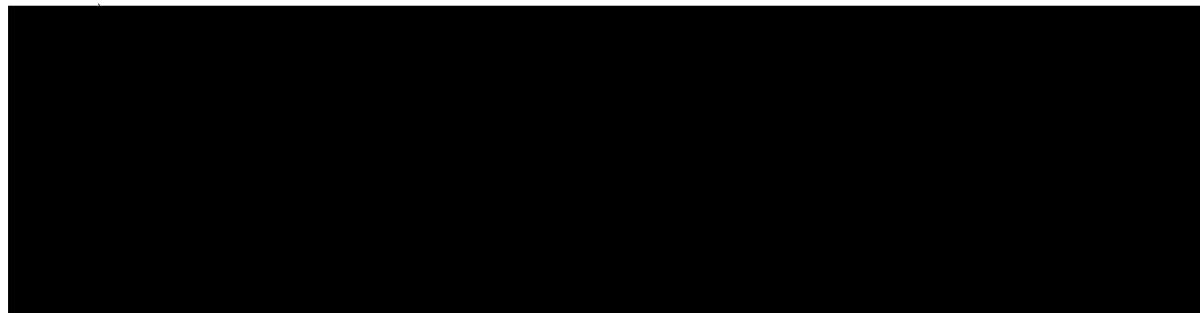
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1. Le Quang Le, who came to Bangkok with Tran Van Giau, and who was the last Cochinchinese with the Viet Nam News Service (VNNS), left the VNNS in June 1949. In 1946, Le was a music teacher at the Viet Nam Delegation. The Viet Nam Delegation stated that Le departed because he had tuberculosis; however, Le stated that he was discouraged with the bureaucrats who were ready to give orders but not willing to do anything themselves.\*
2. In May 1949, Sinh, another young Cochinchinese, left the VNNS to get married at Udon. As of 8 July 1949, his whereabouts was unknown. Sinh is a member of the Democratic Party of Cochinchina and was sent to the Southeast Asia Conference at New Delhi in 1947,\*\* At the end of the conference, Sinh returned to Bangkok with the other delegates. Shortly after their arrival in Bangkok, the other delegates were given important posts, but Sinh, though young and hardworking, was ordered to stay at the VNNS and wait for an opportunity to be sent to Prague.\*\*\*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. Despite Le Quang Le's departure from the Viet Nam Delegation, he remains on friendly social terms with them.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that Nguyen Van Sinh was a delegate to the Southeast Asia Youth Conference, in Calcutta, from 19 to 26 February 1948. He is also reported as a Cochinchinese who has written propaganda for the newspaper Giau Quoc, issued by Cochinchinese guerrillas.

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Besides being a member of the Democratic Party, Sinh was possibly a Socialist (SFIO). Among Viet Nam non-Communists, there is considerable fluidity of party affiliation. The Democratic Party, originally started by the Communists as a part of the front to gain the adherence of all anti-French elements, including non or anti-Communists, gradually emerged within the Viet Minh as a semi-independent element. Sinh's unpopularity with the Viet Minh Tong-be appears to be based on the regional suspicion between Tonkinese and Cochinchinese, possibly with some elements of suspicion that Sinh, since he is Cochinchinese, is a member of the Giau clique. Other possible reasons for his unpopularity are his "Democrat" rather than Communist connections and his independence of spirit and fondness for having a good time and fraternizing with the Americans at the YMCA in Bangkok.

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